

SUMMER PLANS OF MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION

President Wilson Likely to Be in Washington Most of the Summer—War Work and Weddings Go On—Mrs. Hilles's Patriotism Leads to a Munitions Factory.

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THE lady evidently has a keen sense of humor. You remember the story of the man who made that response when his dinner partner repeated some wild-eyed yarn to him as coming from Mrs. So-and-So and asked him what he thought of it. One feels sure, even as one envies the inventor of that mat, that it must have been perpetrated at a Washington dinner. For rumors are the very air that Washington breathes.

Lately one has been hearing again the tale that Secretary Lansing is to be sent abroad—preferably to Versailles—with the added embellishment that Secretary Baker is to take his place. So far as Mr. Lansing is concerned it has been repeatedly denied by every one that ought to know, and Mrs. Lansing, who, by the way, has been confined to her home with tonsillitis, laughs at the story and says, with every evidence of sincerity, that she knows nothing about it.

Mrs. Baker I have not asked, as she left town last Monday for a week, going first to Hot Springs, Ark., where she was to sing before the Federation of Women's Clubs, and then to the White Sulphur Springs, where she came back to give a recital at Camp Pike, the army cantonment at Little Rock. But she did tell me a few days before she left, in response to a question as to her summer plans, that she expected to stay right here in Washington. She was not even going to see the children in New York, which had never been so well as at the close of the last two summers, the first having been spent at "In-the-Woods," the David Fairchild's lovely suburban home, which the Bakers took when they first came to Washington. The second at the comfortable, comfortable, roomy, old Georgetown mansion with its ample grounds.

The President's Plans.

Another rumor which persists is the one I have already mentioned, that the President has taken a cottage at the White Sulphur Springs. For his son-in-law, Secretary McAdoo, and his physician and most frequent golf partner, Admiral Grayson. I have even been told definitely that it is the Hawley cottage that the President has taken. The second at the Colonnade, which the McAdooes have leased, and the Graysons on the other side.

Thinking back, however, one realizes that since President Wilson has been in office the summer White House has been at 1600 Pennsylvania avenue. For three seasons he rented the Winston Churchill place at Potomac, N. H. Mrs. Wilson, Miss Bones and intermittently the President's daughters occupied it the first summer. The President went up once or twice for a few days.

The second summer Mrs. Wilson was in and could not be taken there. She died in August, after which the family spent a little time at Cornish, though, as I recall it, the President did not go up. The third summer he actually spent about a month there, but—well, Mrs. Norman Galt was spending a good part of the summer there as a guest of Miss Margaret Wilson and Miss Bones. So there was a reason.

The following year it was Shadow Lawn which was kept in commission and which the President may have occupied for as much as two weeks in short intervals. For he went up there to let the convention committee come and tell him that the Democrats had nominated him for a second term, lest he had failed to hear about it.

Last summer Shadow Lawn was not used, nor was the substitute provided. The winter White House, did duty as the summer White House, and though there was a week or so of record breaking heat about the 1st of August the President and Mrs. Wilson seemed to stand it pretty well, with the help of the electric fans and the flower. In fact, the longest absence of President Wilson has longest himself from Washington since America entered the war was about ten days last summer, when he made a semi-official trip up to New England on that little motor car of his. He had spent a few days with Col. House at his summer cottage at Magnolia, Mass.

Mayflower Trips in Prospect.

On the whole, it seems probable that he will pass this summer pretty much the same way. No official announcement of his plans has come out of the White House, but two different members of the household have been quoted as being inclined to discount the White Sulphur story. One of them assures me that he doesn't believe the President will take any longer vacation than is involved in week ends, or other short trips on a hitching post, almost at his own door, and simply stood on the deck as on a reviewing stand while the great white ships steamed past.

President Taft seemed of the same mind. Mrs. Taft and her children occasionally used it for little trips down the river, as Mr. Roosevelt and his children had done—but not the Presi-



MRS. FLORENCE BAYARD HILLES.

MISS ELSIE CALDER, DAUGHTER OF SENATOR CALDER. HER ENGAGEMENT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED.

MISS NELLIE DAVIS, ONE OF THE SEASON'S POPULAR DEBUTANTES.

MRS. THOS. RILEY MARSHALL, THE WIFE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

dent himself. To Mr. Wilson, however, the little vessel has been a very haven of refuge when he wanted to escape the importunities of politicians, or perhaps to decide on a policy, or compose a state paper—or when he just wanted to loaf and invite the soul. The Marshalls are about the only members of the Administration circle who will probably get away for the summer, or at any rate for most of it. And that is because Mr. Marshall's official duties depend upon Congress.

When Congress adjourns there is nothing in particular to keep him in Washington, and Congress plans to adjourn by the middle of July. Of course Congress frequently finds out how very much they like the best laid plans can go.

The Vice-President and Mrs. Marshall plan to stay here till Congress does adjourn, and then go out to Arizona to spend as much time as they can with Mrs. Marshall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Kinsey. Little Clarence Ignatius Morrison, or as he is getting to be called Clarence Morrison, might seem to be a complicating factor, as children usually do. But the Marshalls don't seem to feel that way about him. They take him along as a matter of course and very much as one of the family.

Though the Marshalls say that they have not adopted him, and until recently, at any rate, stoutly maintained that they had no intention of doing so, the youngster certainly seems to have fallen on his feet. They are both very fond of children and have made no secret of their regret that they have none. Ever since they have been in Washington they have had children, and from Indiana mostly, staying with them from time to time, and having a perfectly glorious time. For the last two years it has been this little son of their maid at the hotel who thus rejoiced in the double care of his own mother and of a foster mother who has given him intelligent care and who has been able to do things for him that his own mother could not have dreamed of.

Mr. Lansing May Go Fishing.

Most of the Cabinet will follow the President's lead. The Secretary of State has not had a pleasant, idyllic, secure of a job in the last few years. If indeed he ever does have. Secretary Lansing has never felt that he could get away for any extended vacation. When he can he goes up to Henderson Harbor, N. Y., on Lake Ontario, or to one of the fishing spots. Mrs. Lansing usually stays in Washington until he can get away and goes with him. Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Lansing's mother, will go up there about the middle of June.

The McAdooes, of course, have taken the cottage at the White Sulphur where they rested both before and after the last great Liberty Loan drive, and although they are for the moment in Washington, Mrs. McAdoo and the younger children will get settled at the Springs probably within the next fortnight. But the Secretary will only be able to join them for a few days occasionally, and Mrs. McAdoo is likely to join him in their Washington home quite frequently.

The Bakers, as already noted, are not planning to leave Washington at all. Secretary and Mrs. Daniels haven't had time to think about it, so constantly have they been on the go—Mrs. Daniels speaking here and there in the interest of the Liberty Loan or in the furtherance of some of the Government work. Mrs. Daniels usually accompanying him and often off on speaking trips of her own in behalf of the Y. W. C. A.'s War Council.

Mrs. Burleson usually spends most of the summer in their big roomy old-fashioned house here in Washington, putting in a good many hours of hard work on whatever literary labors may be engaging her at the moment. The girls go off on a series of visits, spending part of the summer with their sister, Mrs. Richard Van Wyck Negley, and when Mr. Burleson feels that he can get off too distant resort. This year, however, with Miss Lucy Burleson a yeoman and Miss Sidney Burleson planning to take a Department job as soon as she finishes her course in stenography, the whole family will probably stay in Washington most of the summer.

Will Stay in Washington.

The Attorney-General is another Cabinet member. Whenever he has leisure, usually in company with one of his sons. Mrs. Gregory has in past seasons sometimes established herself and her children at Blue Ridge Summit, from Texas, with her, or she taken little Cornelia and sometimes some of the others with her and gone down to join Mrs. Nalle.

This year she is just back from a visit of some weeks in Mississippi and has not had time to make any plans. Moreover, the fact that Miss Jane Gregory, her eldest daughter, is working and cannot come and go at her own sweet will may have some influence on the family plans. You re-

member Miss Jane Gregory took an 189 a month job in the Food Administration and went on record as having two dependents to support, gravely explaining that she had adopted two Belgian babies and must earn enough to take care of them.

The Lanes expect to be in town all summer. Miss Nancy Lane will probably go up with some friends in Canada for some weeks. Mr. Lane, it will be remembered, was born in Canada, and is often teased by his friends because he and Secretary of Labor Wilson are the only two members of the Cabinet who, being foreign born, are not eligible for the Presidency. Secretary Wilson was born in Scotland. Mr. Lane's only son, Ensign Franklin K. Lane, Jr., is in the naval aviation service and attached to headquarters in Paris.

The Houstons have for several seasons gone up to Woods Hole. At least Mrs. Houston and the children have gone up in June, and then as soon as she had satisfied herself that they were settled and quite all right she has left them in charge of their governess and returned to Washington to spend most of the summer with her husband, one of the other, sometimes both of them, running up at frequent intervals to make sure that everything was running smoothly. And that will be the programme this summer.

For the last two seasons they had the Spring House, a neighborly at least Lady Spring Rice and Master Anthony and little Miss Betty, though Sir Cecil himself spent most of the summer at the embassy after the war broke. This year they will have no diplomatic neighbors nearer than Edgewood, on Martha's Vineyard, where the Swedish Minister and Mrs. Ekengren have for several seasons rented a cottage and where at least Miss Ekengren and her two little girls will spend most of the summer. Mr. Ekengren is keeping the legation open and expects to be in Washington the greater part of the time.

Mrs. Ekengren is an American and a Washingtonian, formerly Laura Jackson. Mrs. J. P. Jackson's daughter, whom Mr. Ekengren married while he was attached to the legation to which he afterward returned, as head. The Swiss Minister and Mrs. Sulzer, who had intended staying at Woods Hole, changed their minds and have taken a cottage at Nonquitt instead.

The Wilsons Farm Problem.

The Redfields' plans, if they have any, have not been announced. Secretary and Mrs. Redfield went out to the Pacific coast a month ago, where the Secretary was to address a commercial congress, and once there Secretary Redfield decided to go on to Alaska, as head. The Swiss Minister and Mrs. Sulzer, who had intended staying at Woods Hole, changed their minds and have taken a cottage at Nonquitt instead.

Secretary Wilson's family will probably go to the farm at Bloomsburg about the end of June as usual. And as

usual Secretary Wilson will stick pretty close to his desk and Miss Agnes Wilson will stick pretty close to her father. Mrs. Wilson used to run the farm, as her husband's deputy, but for the last two years she has not been equal to any such responsibility, and last year Miss Mary Wilson, the second daughter, managed it with considerable success and has already gone up to be on the job this summer too. And it seems only the other day that that young person was a careles-

happy schoolgirl.

So much for the Cabinet.

Congress of course thinks it is going home to look after its fences. As a matter of fact, however, even if it adjourns as early as it plans—and certainly times have changed when a mid-July adjournment is regarded as early—there are so many committees and investigations, etc., to keep the members here that only those whose fences are in a very bad way are likely to get away for any great part

of the summer. Most of them will get out into their districts some time before election, and many will undoubtedly help the other fellows' campaigns along.

Meanwhile the war charities and the Red Cross go on. Just as it seemed as if Dan Cupid had fallen asleep at the wedding there comes a sudden eruption of engagement announcements. No, indeed, not in preparation for June weddings, at all—most of them in preparation for May weddings. And

NOTES OF THE SOCIAL WORLD IN BROOKLYN

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM STONE

MACDONALD, of 1305 Albany street, Flatbush, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Marion Macdonald, to Major Seward Grant of Montreal.

Miss Macdonald, who is now in England working with the Voluntary Detachment, is a graduate of Berkeley Institute. She received her hospital training in Toronto and sailed early this year for France with the 22nd Central Postal Directory, but is now in Canada recovering from wounds received in action. He expects to rejoin his regiment in a few weeks.

The Macdonald country place is at Dananoke, Ontario, Canada. No date has been set for the wedding.

Miss Cornelia Courtney Martin will be married to the Rev. Abram S. Kavanaugh next Friday evening at the home of her uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Perrin of 325 Clinton street. No formal invitations have been issued, and only relatives and a few personal friends will be present.

Miss Martin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Chapman Martin of Aberdeen, Md., but she has lived in Brooklyn since Dr. and Mrs. Perrin for several years.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Cornelia Litchfield to Capt. Harold Grant Pearson of 27 Seventh avenue. Capt. Pearson is Adjutant of the 103d Train and Military Police, Twenty-seventh Division.

Miss Litchfield is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Litchfield of New York, Mass.

be followed by a breakfast for relatives at the Hotel Bossert.

Miss Louise Sayre of Glen Cove is to be married to Lieut. Montgomery Liout. Busch is the son of Mr. George Frederick Hummel of 274 St. Mark's avenue.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Gwendolyn Waterhouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Waterhouse of 122 Midwood street, to Corporal Alfred B. Busch, son of Mr. George Frederick Hummel of 274 St. Mark's avenue. Miss Waterhouse is a Berkeley girl and her fiancé is a member of Company D, 105th Machine Gun Battalion.

Miss Margaret Ames was the guest of honor at the luncheon given yesterday by Miss Elizabeth Magnus and Mrs. George Shortland Horton at the Hotel Bossert. Miss Ames is to be married to Percy C. Magnus, brother of the hostesses, on Wednesday, May 22. The guests were Mrs. Edwin A. Ames, mother of the bride; Mrs. M. K. Gates, Mrs. E. L. Blackman, Mrs. Percy C. Magnus, Miss Madeline Ames, Miss Edith Leyser, Miss Marguerite Campbell, Miss Elizabeth Magnus, Mrs. Alfred T. Drury and Mrs. Ernest Penfold. Bridge followed the luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dudley Breaker of 376 First street announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Helen Breaker, to Cornelius Hearn, Jr., Assistant Paymaster, U. S. N. Miss Breaker is a graduate of Berkeley and is now attending Adelphi. Her fiancé is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Hearn of 488 East Seventeenth street, Flatbush. He is a graduate of Columbia and the Columbia Law School.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Adele Cross, daughter of Mrs. George Cross of 1150 Pacific street, to Lieut. J. Howard Donaldson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Donaldson of Richmond Hill.

The engagement is announced of Miss Marie Kessel, daughter of Henry Kessel of 1000 Park place, to John P. Chaplain, son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank P. Chaplain of 778 East Eighteenth

street, Flatbush. Miss Kessel is a graduate of Packer.

For the benefit of the Smith College Relief Fund a bridge party will be given at the home of Mrs. Helen Balcom, 1229 Dorchester road, Flatbush, on Thursday afternoon, May 16.

In the Italian garden of the home of Mrs. John T. Underwood, 1229 Dorchester road, on Thursday afternoon, May 23, there will be a large fete for the benefit of the Red Cross war fund. It will be under the auspices of the Lafayette avenue auxiliary, of which Mrs. Underwood is president. The committee includes Mrs. George H. Boardman, Mrs. Clinton L. Boardman, Mrs. Charles D. Sayre, Mrs. Eversley Childs and Mrs. Watson L. Caldwell.

In the afternoon there will be special features for children. In the evening there will be exhibition dancing by Eleanor Dougherty in addition to the general dancing.

The annual meeting of the Fort Greene Chapter, D. A. R., was held Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Jacob Shaffer, 37 Marlborough road. After the reading of the reports of the Continental Congress at Washington by Miss Susan Van Anden, the retiring regent, and Mrs. William Beecher, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Charles Melville Bull, regent; Miss Van Anden, first vice-regent; Mrs. Thomas W. Lauderdale, second vice-regent; Mrs. Preston Miller, recording secretary; Mrs. L. Grant Baldwin, corresponding secretary; Miss Mary H. Defendorf, treasurer; Mrs. Albert Van Wyck, registrar, and Mrs. Arthur H. Myers, historian.

The annual spring festival of the Church Charity Foundation will be given Thursday, May 23, in the new building at Herkimer street and Albany avenue. A short service in St. John's Hospital chapel will start the exercises, after which luncheon will be served. Among the chairmen of the various committees are Mrs. Christopher Joost, Mrs. Henry A. Fairbairn, Mrs. Thomas C. Fletcher, Miss Mary Delator, Miss Betty Irish.

George Palmer Kennedy and Mrs. John Anderson, D. A. R., of 1229 Dorchester road, are the women's board of the Church Charity Foundation.

The wedding of Miss Katherine Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Keeler took place Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride, 150 Clinton street, with the Rev. G. Ashton Oldham officiating.

The bride, who is the daughter of the late Andrew H. Hart, was given in marriage by Dr. Samuel Sherwell. She wore a gown of white satin and point lace and a tulle veil. Miss Helen Partridge Parker, a maid of honor, wore a gown of white tulle and shell pink satin and the flower girl, Miss Marjorie Fitch and Miss Marion Miller, wore frocks of white organdy and pink garden hats.

The best man was Marston Hubbard of Wallingford, Conn.

Dr. and Mrs. Keeler will be at home after July 1 at 778 Ocean avenue, New London, Conn.

A recently announced engagement is that of Miss Margaret Alice Barthel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Barthel of 1144 Bergen street, to Sergeant Arthur Judson Underwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Underwood of Newark, N. J.

Miss Barthel was graduated from Packer last year and is now a member of the class of '19 at Adelphi. Her fiancé was a member of the class of '18 of Sheffield Scientific School, Yale, but left college to enter the service. He is now in the inspection division of the Ordnance Department at Bridgeport, Conn. He was coxswain of the varsity crew in 1917.

Miss Davis Engaged.

Even more interesting to the younger set, who of course claim a monopoly on romance, is the announcement of Miss Nellie Davis's engagement to Lieut. George Percy, U. S. M. C. Miss Davis is the daughter of Mr. Armstrong Davis and youngest granddaughter of the late Henry Gasaway Davis, one time United States Senator from West Virginia. She is, moreover, a niece and namesake of Mrs. Stephen D. Elkins, and a niece of Mrs. Arthur Lee's niece and kin to all that socially influential Davis and Elkins connection. Of course she was a royally feted debutante, and though she was rather late coming out crowded a gay time into a short period.

Her fiancé is a Massachusetts man and a graduate this year of Harvard, who has been stationed at Quantico in training as an officer of the Marines. They are not planning an immediate marriage. The fact that Lieut. Percy is expecting to go to France almost immediately—a condition which has served to delay this one. They are both very young, and Mrs. Davis has decided that they had better wait till he gets back.

Then there is Miss Josephine March's engagement to Major Joseph M. March, Field Artillery, U. S. A., announced early in the week by her father, Major-Gen. Peyton C. March, Chief of Staff, U. S. A. The marriage is to take place in the near future and will be the third in Gen. March's family within six months. Miss Mildred March became the bride of Capt. John Miliken, U. S. A., in December. Miss Vivian March was married to Capt. Paul Russell Frank on March 4, the day Gen. March reached America after several months in Europe with Pershing, bringing Major Swing with him as one of his aids.

Meanwhile Justice and Mrs. Pitney are telling all their friends about the fiancée of their son, Capt. Shelton Pit-

ney. She is Miss Elita Carrington Brown of Baltimore, and the wedding is planned for May 18 if Uncle Sam will let the boy off to get married. It's a big "if" nowadays, but it seems probable that he will. Mr. and Mrs. John Spottswood Garland are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary Truxton Garland, to William George Hill right here in Washington. Miss Garland was a debutante last year. She and her cousin, Evelyn Gleaves, were introduced at a sort of double debut arranged by Admiral and Mrs. Albert Gleaves. They both looked so altogether charming in their fluffy white tulle frocks that one didn't wonder at the comment of a guest, "I have seen the perfect debutante—and there are two of her!"

They had a gay season that winter, the two cousins. But this year Miss Gleaves has been up in New York, where Admiral Gleaves is on transport duty. And the one in New York, the other here, they are both up to their eyes in Red Cross work.

Everybody is, for that matter—or in some form of war work. I think I like the Leiters' way of doing their bit as well as any.

Some time ago they announced that they were not going to open their place on the palisades of the Potomac at all this season. They use it mainly as a sort of demi-season retreat anyhow. But every one exclaimed over letting such a wonderful place go to waste.

It turns out that that is exactly what the Leiters are not doing. They are closing the house, but they have offered a good part of the grounds as a summer recreation camp for Government war workers. Accommodations in tents and cabins are to be provided for 1,000 war workers. It is to be operated by the District of Columbia War Camp Community Service, and it is said that with all sorts of recreation on tap, including a bathing beach, if you please, it will cost less than \$1 a day to stay there. It is just across the river and easily accessible. Isn't it great to be able to do things like that?

Or even to give such a theatre party as Mrs. Baruch gave last Wednesday, to different convalescent war cripples from the Walter Reed Hospital. They were brought down in automobiles to the National Theatre and entertained as Mrs. Baruch's guests at the matinee of "Three Wise Men." Mrs. Baruch is greatly interested in all sorts of war work and takes especial interest in the men at Walter Reed, about the first of our wounded to be brought home.

She and Mr. Baruch have been occupying the Reynolds flat house on Eighteenth street all winter, but they have been fortunate in securing the lovely suburban home of C. C. Glover, Jr., for the spring and as much of the summer as they care to keep it. Miss Belle Baruch has been down there very little, but she does come once in a while when there is anything special on, as for instance the Baruchs' dinner to the Readings last week. Apparently she has classes and other interests in New York that she does not want to drop.

Other Kinds of War Work.

Yet another form of war service is that undertaken by the permanent dramatic company for war relief benefits organized for a day or two of meetings at Mrs. Samuel Spencer's, of course the Shepherds are at the head of it—Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Shepherd of Baltimore street, better known by the names they had made famous on the stage before they retired. R. D. McLean and Odette Taylor. They gave a performance of "The Merchant of Venice" a few weeks ago as a benefit, jointly, for a local hospital and for an American military hospital in France. It was so successful that it was decided to organize permanently for the benefit of the free world fund of the woman's committee for the engineers. It is to consist of a double bill—a tabloid version of the "Taming of the Shrew" and the Booth and Harpington version of "Othello," and is to be given May 21.

Quite a different idea yet in war work is exemplified by Mrs. Florence Bayard Hilles going into a munitions factory. Mrs. Hilles is a daughter of the late Thomas F. Bayard, one time Secretary of State, and she is an ardent suffragist. While her husband was in the war, she has been so much in Washington these last few years on suffrage business that she has a wide acquaintance here.

At Mount Vernon.

Before closing I want to say a little bit about the annual meeting of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association, which is in session right now. For very few people know just how the home of Washington is controlled and managed, and how much it costs to keep it in shape. It is not open on Sunday or is not free to the public one hour little of it, for the ladies who run it do not as a rule argue the question.

Most people know that it was bought up when it was about to be sold and came into being largely through the efforts of Miss Fanny Carter, of South Carolina. I believe she had more than she could handle alone, and so the Mount Vernon Ladies Association was formed. It meets every year, on the second Wednesday in May, at Mount Vernon, and stays there for about ten days. It will stay all through the coming week, living in the house, hearing what the superintendent, Harrison Dodge, of a very well known Georgetown family, has to suggest, and talking over possible improvements or desirable changes.

There is the regent of the association, Mrs. John H. Rogers, of Dover, Del., and there are a varying number of vice-regents; every State is entitled to have one but not every State has. There are thirty-four at present, but I believe several new ones will be chosen at this session. They are named by the regent, the nomination being confirmed at the annual meetings.

Don't you envy them ten days in that lovely place at this lovely time of year? I do. They are pretty nearly the whole thirty-five there now. Their regent, Mrs. Rogers, and among others Miss Jane Rogers, vice-regent for the District of Columbia, Mrs. Horace Mann Tower, vice-regent from Iowa; Miss Amy Townsend from New York; Mrs. Charles Custer from Philadelphia; Miss Alice Longmire, the post's daughter, from Massachusetts; Mrs. Eliza Perry Leary from the State of Washington and about twenty-five others.